

Response to Office Action of Sept. 2, 2004
Application No. 10/608,255
Attorney Docket No.: SIPI-P07

REMARKS

Summary of The Office Action

The drawings were objected to as being of poor quality.

Claims 17-23 were deemed allowable.

Claims 1 and 18 were objected to for informalities.

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pickles.

Claims 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being rendered obvious over Pickles, in view of Prior Art FIGS. 9A and 9B.

Response

Applicant is submitting several Replacement Sheets to make the numbering of some figures more legible. Applicant will submit formal drawings upon receiving a Notice of Allowance. With specific detail,

--Replacement Sheet 1 of FIG. 1A has been edited to draw numerals 105, 118, 135 and 140 more clearly;

--Replacement Sheet 2 of FIG. 1C has been edited to draw numeral 105 more clearly;

--Replacement Sheet 3 of FIG. 2A has been edited to draw numerals 244, 245 and 246 more clearly;

--Replacement Sheet 4 of FIG. 3 has been cleaned and numeral 146 has been redrawn; and

--Replacement Sheet 5 now adds "Prior Art" to FIGS. 9A and 9B.

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In addition to the Figures, the claim have been amended as follows. Claims 17-26 have been amended to include correction to deficiencies identified with the Examiner. The rejection to Claim 8 for use of the "corresponds" is now moot, with cancellation of that claim.

With regard to Claim 22, Applicant finds Examiner's assumption acceptable, but the term "vertical" is also a relative term. Applicant has amended Claim 22 to substitute "have no skew" in place of "less skewed".

Applicant has elected to pursue only claims that the Examiner has indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested.

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CONCLUSION

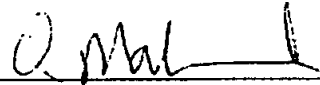
It is Applicant's belief that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Applicant requests entry of the amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Office is given permission to charge any unpaid fees to Applicants' deposit account (50-1914).

Respectfully submitted,

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